

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/766,112

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to application filed 1/27/04

2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are THE CLAIM

3. ☒ The drawings filed on 1/27/04 are accepted by the Examiner.

4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:

1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.

3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.

6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.

(a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached

1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.

(b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).

7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)

2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)

3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____

4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material

5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)

6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____

7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment

8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance

9. ☐ Other _____

Detailed Action

Examiner's Amendment

An Examiner's Amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to Applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **Must** be submitted no later than the payment of the Issue Fee.

Examiner's Amendment Authorized

Authorization for this Examiner's Amendment was given in a telephone interview with Attorney Kenyon Schuett on September 29, 2004.

Amendment to the Specification:

The Specification has been amended as follows:

- A. Page 1, line 4, "spp" has been deleted and --sp-- has been inserted in its place.
- B. Page 1, line 9, "spp" has been deleted and --sp-- has been inserted in its place.
- C. Page 1, line 12, --, unpatented-- has been inserted after "unnamed".

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D. Page 1, line 18, --'Black Jack' reproduces true to type through successive generations of asexual reproduction.-- has been inserted after "fixed."

E. Page 2, line 6, "spp." has been deleted and --sp.-- has been inserted in its place.

F. Page 2, lines 20 and 26, --surface-- has been inserted after "Upper".

G. Page 2, lines 20 and 26, --surface-- has been inserted after "lower".

H. Page 2, line 26, --; occasionally middle section splotch is present and is about Dark purple RHS 187A – 202A-- has been inserted after "137B"

I. Page 3, line 3, --, entire-- has been inserted after "wavy".

J. Page 3, line 18, --surface-- has been inserted after "Upper".

K. Page 3, line 18, --surface-- has been inserted after "lower".

L. Page 3, line 20, --, acute apex, entire wavy margin -- has been inserted after "Fluted".

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M. Page 3, line 26, "Size: 20-40 cm" has been deleted and --Size: 20-40 cm in length, 6-8 mm in diameter-- has been inserted in its place.

N. Page 4, line 9, --of bloom on the plant-- has been inserted after "Lastingness".

O. Page 4, line 11, "Fruit: None" has been deleted and --*Fruit*-- has been inserted in its place.

P. Page 4, line 18, "U S" has been deleted and --co-pending U.S. Plant-- has been inserted in its place.

Q. Page 4, lines 17 and 19, "flower" has been deleted and --spathe-- has been inserted in its place.

R. Page 4, line 22, "black flowers and a red margin around the leaves" has been deleted and --dark purple – black spathes whereas 'Cameo' has salmon-pink spathes-- has been inserted in its place.

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S. Page 4, line 23, --'Crackerjack' is distinguished from the male parent primarily in spathe color.-- has been inserted.

Future Correspondence

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the Examiner should be directed to Kent L. Bell whose telephone number is (571) 272-0973. The Examiner can normally be reached Monday through Thursday from 6:00 am to 4:30 pm.

If attempts to reach the Examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the Examiner's supervisor, Andrew Wang, can be reached at (571) 272-0811.

The fax phone number for the group is (703) 872-9306.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (571) 272-1600.

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